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E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PINT GW

SUBJ: EPPLER RESIGNATION RUMOR

1. SUMMARY: EPPLER RESIGNATION THREAT IS UNTRUE  
ACCORDING EXCELLENT SPD SOURCE IN EPPLER'S HOME  
STATE OF BADEN WUERTTEMBERG. SHOULD EPPLER RESIGN,  
HOWEVER, CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE UNFAVORABLE FOR SPD  
HERE. END SUMMARY.

2. SPD LANDTAG CHAIRMAN AND LOCAL PARTY LEADER DR.  
RUDOLF SCHIELER TOLD CONOFF JULY 3 THAT HE HAD TALKED  
TO MIN. ECON DEVELOPMENT EPPLER'S OFFICE JULY 2 AND  
WAS TOLD AUTHORITATIVELY THAT REPORTS ABOUT EPPLER  
RESIGNATION "COMPLETELY UNTRUE RUMORS ". EPPLER HAD  
WANTED MORE MONEY FOR LDC'S AND WAS DISAPPOINTED BY  
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NEGATIVE CABINET. DECISION BUT IN NO WAY WAS HE ON

BRINK OF RESIGNATION.

3. SCHIELER ADDED THAT HE WOULD STRONGLY ADVISE EPPLER AGAINST RESIGNATION IF MATTER WERE TO ARISE. AS F SPD CHAIRMAN FOR BADEN-WUERTEMBERG, EPPLER IN MUCH BETTER POSITION TO HELP PARTY LOCALLY IF HE RETAINS FEDERAL MINISTRY. IF EPPLER MERELY REVERTED TO HIS BUNDESTAG SEAT, WHERE HIS PUBLIC EXPOSURE WOULD BE MARGINAL, SPD IN B/W WOULD SUFFER INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY.

4. COMMENT: SCHIELER NOT EAGER SUPPORTER EPPLER IN-SIDE PARTY BUT FROM B/W POINT OF VIEW WHAT HE TOLD US ABOVE IS REALISTIC AND OBJECTIVE. SHOULD EPPLER LEAVE BONN GOVERNMENT HIS AND SPD'S ALREADY LIMITED APPEAL IN HIS HOME LAND WOULD DECLINE AND CHANCES OF B/W SPD HOLDING ON TO FDP AS POTENTIAL COALITION PARTNER IN 1976 WOULD NOT BE ENHANCED. RUCHTI

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